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SUBJECT: JAPANESE ADMINISTRATION OVER URANIUM ORE EXPLORATION OVERSEAS

1. JAPANESE NEWSPAPERS REPORTED MITI PLANS STRONGER LEADERSHIP OVER URANIUM ORE EXPLORATION OVERSEAS.

2. PLANS FOR JFY 1977 INCLUDE ESTABLISHMENT OF JOINT VENTURE INVOLVING METALMINING AGENCY, UTILITIES AND MINING COMPANIES TO BE INTERNATIONALLY COMPETITIVE FINANCIALLY AND TECHNICALLY. LOAN SYSTEM FOR URANIUM ORE EXPLORATION OVERSEAS ON REFUND-UPON-SUCCESS BASIS WILL THEN BE CHANGED FROM SUPPORT OF INDIVIDUAL COMPANY TO MULTI-COMPANY PROJECT TO MINIMIZE ENTERPRISE RISK.

3. MITI IS SOUNDING OUT INDONESIAN GOVERNMENT WITH PLANS TO START THREE-YEAR PROGRAM ON URANIUM ORE EXPLORATION IN SUMATRA ISLAND IN EARLY JFY 1977 IN THE FORM OF BILATERAL TECHNICAL COOPERATION. EXISTENCE OF PROMISING URANIUM ORE DEPOSITS IN SUMATRA IS PRESUMED.

4. MITI IS CONSIDERING ELEVATING URANIUM ORE EXPLORATION OVERSEAS TO NATIONAL PROJECT STATUS.

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